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March 29, 2007

Secretary Marlene Dortch  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ensure our Children's future: Docket # 07-16

Dear Ms. Secretary:

Aristotle once said, "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth." As a senator in the state of Mississippi, I am honored to serve my constituents as a member of the Education committee. The welfare of our children, both in their present state and in their future endeavors, is a responsibility I proudly embrace. The internet is increasingly becoming a fundamental part of early education. Currently, about 59% of nursery and elementary students use the internet according to the National Center for Education Statistics. My hope is that we can bridge the divide between our nation's children and allow each of them a safe and family-friendly access to this invaluable tool for education, communication, and development.

The FCC now has the opportunity to approve the proposal of M2Z Networks that would allow fast, free, family-friendly broadband service throughout the nation. With this plan parents can become more involved with their student's education, teachers can expand their resources, and most of all new opportunities will be afforded to our children... our future. By equipping our

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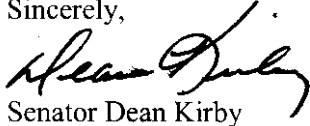
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students with the instruments needed to succeed we are insuring the growth and prosperity of our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Kirby", written over the printed name.

Senator Dean Kirby

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